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The official magazine of the LEGO® Club

Spring 1983



**LEGOLAND Space
Astronauts Offer**
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Member,

As the LEGO Club grows, so does our Club Magazine. Last year we went from 4 to 8 pages and now you see the first issue of our new 12 page size.

We hope you will agree that bigger is better - more to read, more to look at, more ideas, more things to do.

On page 9 you will find details of our LEGOLAND Space Competition which will offer you a real challenge. Five thousand members entered our crossword competition in the Autumn and kept us very busy opening envelopes around Christmas.

Just like LEGO toys themselves, we are always looking for ways to do things better. And always we follow the LEGO ideal that "only the best is good enough".

I would like to welcome all members who have joined recently and are receiving their first magazine. For those of you receiving renewal requests with this edition, please remember to return the slip with your membership fee quickly, so you will get the Summer edition of Bricks 'n Pieces.

Happy building

CLIVE NICHOLLS
Club President

Welcome to **AMSTERDAM** LEGOLAND Park - Denmark



One of the finest LEGO models in the LEGOLAND Park in Billund, Denmark, is a scale model of Amsterdam with surrounding Dutch countryside.

The LEGOLAND Park Amsterdam, was built in 1972 and is one of the most complex models ever built.

Led by Danish LEGO model designer Dagny Holm, a team of eight model makers spent 5 months building the models.



Prior to construction Dagny Holm and two assistants spent a great deal of time in the real Amsterdam photographing buildings, bridges, canals and taking lots of measurements.

AMSTERDAM

Continued

The result is an enormous scale model of the most attractive parts of Amsterdam complete with canals, bridges and moving barges. A wide selection of the tall narrow houses, for which Amsterdam is famous, are shown. To achieve the colours of the real Amsterdam houses it was necessary to make some LEGO bricks in special colours exclusively for this model.



As you will see from the pictures the model makers added many fine details to ensure the models look realistic. Each house is a masterpiece in its own right and of special interest is the "Street Organ" standing on the bridge (see picture No. 1). This was faithfully copied from an organ playing outside Dagny Holm's hotel when she was in Amsterdam photographing the buildings.



Finally, to show you how realistic the LEGOLAND Park Amsterdam is, we have shown a picture of one of the model opening bridges alongside a real bridge in Amsterdam, Holland.

Club tours to LEGOLAND PARK

It's always nice to hear what a good time our members have on Club Tours to the LEGOLAND Park. It's not surprising of course, as the tours are specially planned for your enjoyment, by Specialised Tours.

First there's the fun of travelling with other Club Members, and making new friends. Then there's the exciting sea voyage. There's a play-area for small children, and Space Invader machines and disco, so parents can relax and enjoy themselves too. Delicious food is in good supply - in the restaurant and cafeteria, with the splendid Danish 'Cold Table' a firm favourite.

The hotels in Denmark are very carefully chosen. All are in beautiful surroundings, with first-class standards of accommodation and facilities, including an ever-popular indoor swimming pool.

The LEGOLAND Park is, of course, the highlight of the tour, but Denmark offers many other places of interest too. Every tour gives the opportunity of visiting at least one Danish town, with fascinating shops and sights for the whole family to enjoy.

Specialised Tours get lots of letters from parents saying how much they enjoy the tours. This is just what's intended of course, for it's their holiday too! On joining the coach in London, parents can relax, knowing they have a helpful team of courier and coach-driver with them throughout the tour, to handle all the arrangements and any problems. Being a small business, they are able to offer many personal touches that are often missing in larger organisations.

At the time of writing, there are still vacancies on most dates for 1983. Prices start at £88 for an adult on a 4

day tour, and £55 for a child under 16, sharing parents' room. 5 day tours are from £118 for adults and £72 for children, and 6 day tours from £160 for adults and £106 for children. These prices represent excellent value for money, and include everything except meals on board ship, lunch in LEGOLAND, and of course, personal spending money. Cabins are included on the ships, and hotel accommodation includes Breakfast and 3 course Dinner with coffee. Most departure dates are timed to coincide with school holidays, in the summer and during the Spring Bank Holiday in May/June.

If you would like to know more about these tours, you can get the brochure from Margaret Scowen by telephoning (0342) 712785, or writing to: Specialised Tours, Gorsebank House, Gorse Close, Copthorne, Sussex, RH10 3PY. We are sure you'll have a wonderful time!



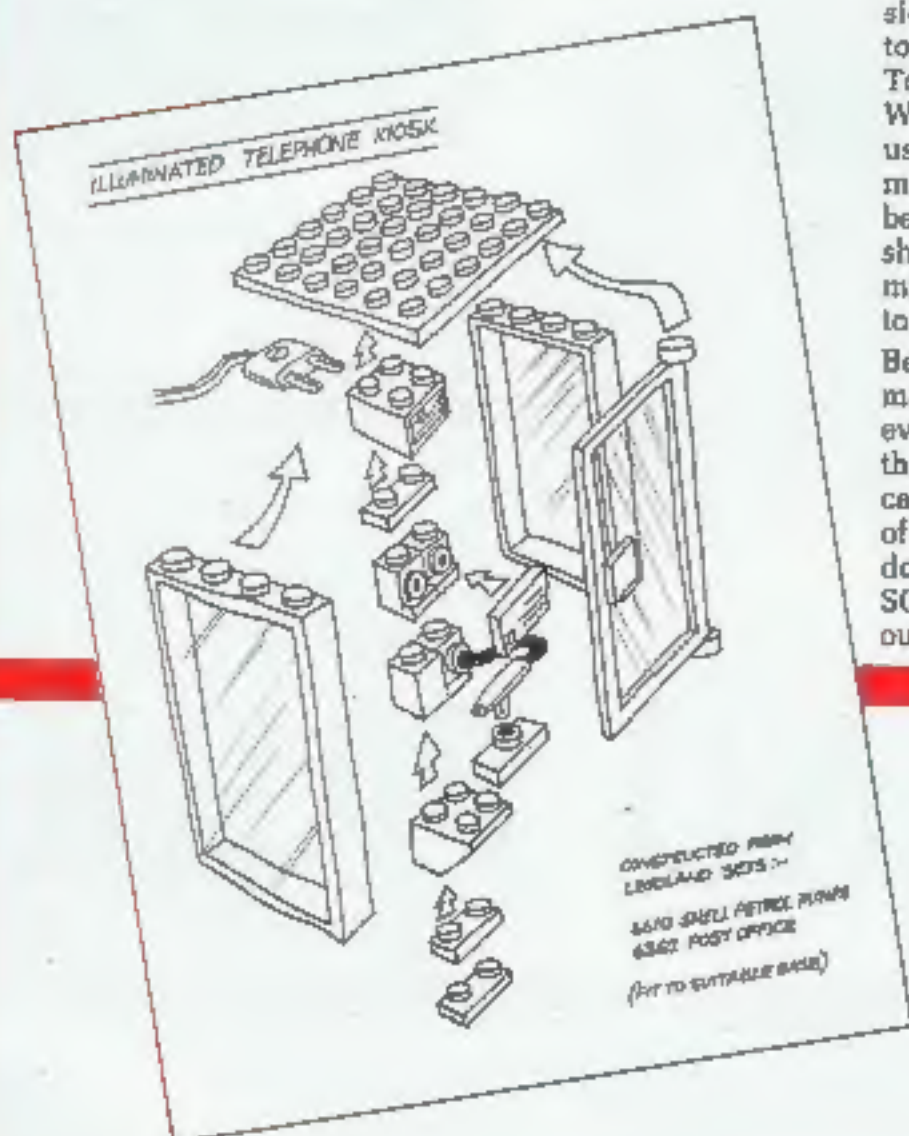
THE SOMA CUBE

A novel idea from B. Hill of West Wickham, Kent

Here is something for you to make if you like puzzles. It's called the SOMA CUBE and was first thought of by another clever Danish man called Piet Hein, rather like Goldfred Kirk Christiansen who invented LEGO Bricks. It is great fun to make and play with and is much simpler than the magic cube which everyone has today. As the picture shows it consists of seven pieces, each in turn being made of three or four small cubes; all seven pieces fit together to form the big SOMA CUBE shown. There are, believe it or not, hundreds of different ways of making the SOMA CUBE from the seven pieces - can you find just one?

A small cube can be made of LEGO bricks by using a short tower of ordinary eight stud bricks topped with smooth topped slim-bricks. Two bricks are put side by side, two more on top but going across the bottom ones to hold them together and then two more across these. To finish off, the flat topped slim-bricks are put on top. With a little thought the SOMA pieces can be made using these same proportions; but you don't have to make four small cubes and then try fixing them together because with LEGO bricks you can make the correct shaped SOMA pieces in one. A smaller version can be made based on a single four-stud brick plus a flat topped slim-brick.

Besides making the SOMA CUBE with your pieces try making figures with them that look like things you see every day, for instance can you make a chair out of them, or a bed? Make two sets with a friend and see who can put them together quickest. I'm sure you'll find lots of things to try and make with them, so have fun and don't be too upset if you cannot make the pieces or the SOMA CUBE from them, ask your parents to help you out.



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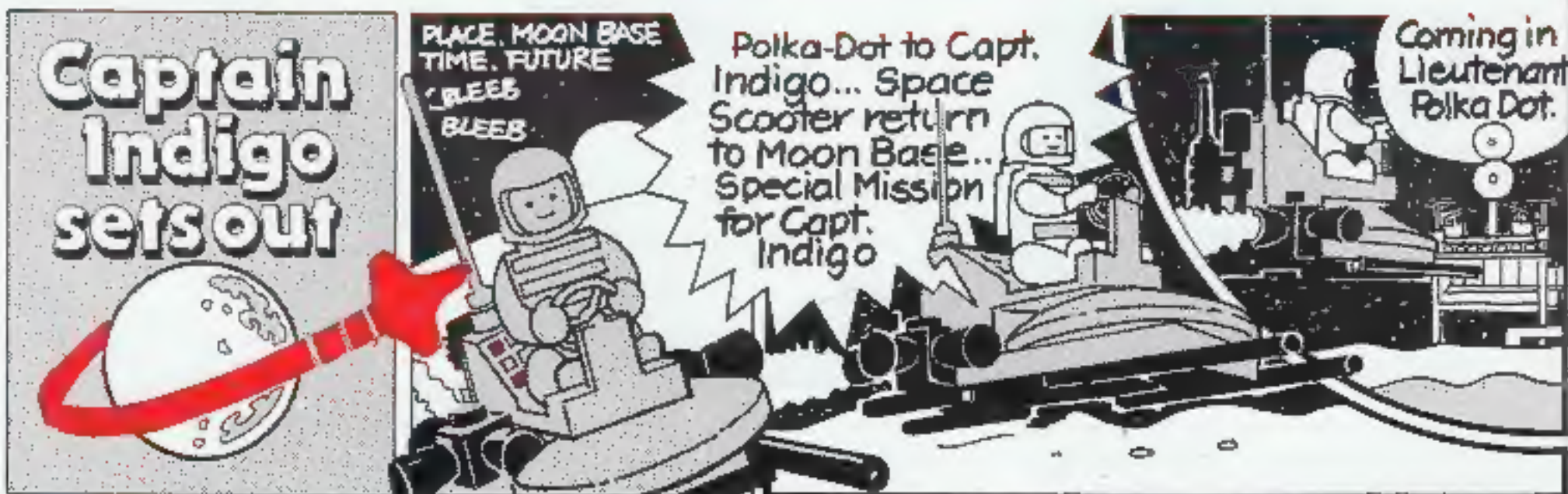
DANIELLE BROMWICH thought other Club members might like to share this idea for a continental style telephone box which she added to her LEGO railway layout. This telephone box would look equally at home in your LEGOLAND Town outside the Post Office.

Captain Indigo sets out

PLACE, MOON BASE
TIME, FUTURE
BLEEB
BLEEB

Polka-Dot to Capt.
Indigo... Space
Scooter return
to Moon Base...
Special Mission
for Capt.
Indigo

Coming in
Lieutenant
Polka Dot.



Senior Club member Ewan Swindells sends us this account of his recent trip to LEGOLAND Park with Specialised Tours.

Dear Club

My Mother and I have just returned from one of your five-day tours to LEGOLAND. I am writing to say that it was the best holiday we have ever had. We enjoyed the trip on the boat, the Munkbjerger Hotel was fabulous and the food was excellent. I will never forget the day at LEGOLAND. I had fourteen goes on the rides.

We had lunch at Legoredo - I had spare ribs and apple pie. I panned for gold and got my driving licence. At the end I spent all my money and bought two boats, and my Mother bought me a T-shirt and other souvenirs. We sent post cards to all our friends.

Back at the hotel we went for a refreshing swim. The next day we went to Ribe and enjoyed looking at the shops and climbed the 'five million' steps to the top of the cathedral tower.

The sea was a bit choppy on the way back and I only managed to eat one plateful at the cold table, instead of the three platefuls on the way out.

My Mother and I would like to thank those concerned very much indeed for arranging the tour and special thanks to Gay and John (couriers) for making our trip such a happy one.

Ewan Swindells



Ewan and Friends in LEGOLAND Park

LEGO Exhibitions in 1983

No less than 4 LEGO exhibitions are planned for 1983. The dates shown are correct at the time of going to press but please check with the store concerned or us nearer the date in case there have been any alterations.

LEGO WORLD SHOWS

DUBLIN - Arnotts Department Store - 24th March to 9th April

MANCHESTER - Debenhams Department Store - 19th May to 4th June

LONDON - Selfridges Department Store - 18th August to 3rd September

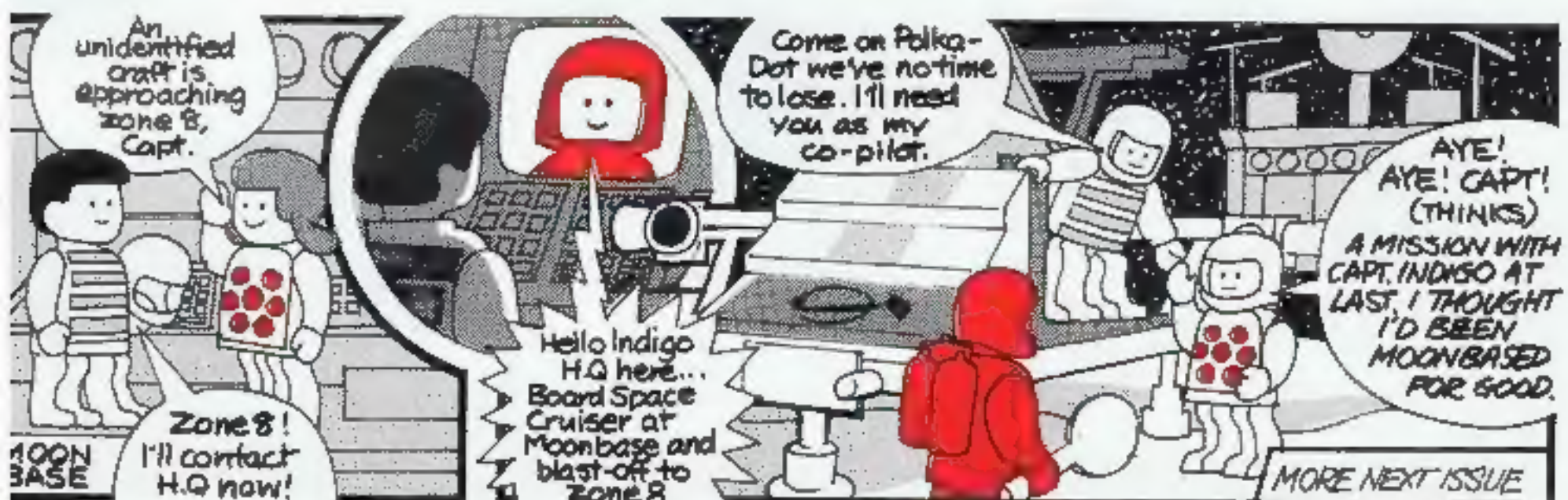
and a really big LEGO Exhibition at

BRIGHTON CENTRE - 12th August to 30th August with special LEGO Club Rally Day on Sunday 14th August.

The theme of the World Show in Dublin will be "Inventions" and "Wild West". Manchester and London will have "The History of Transport" and "Summer Fantasy". And of course, the big exhibition in Brighton will have even more models.



LEGO Wild West to be seen in Dublin.





EIFFEL TOWER - Kevin Knowles age 6 from Grimsby built this attractive model after a recent trip to Paris.



TAXI - Andrew Newsome age 8 from Mirfield sent this picture of a vintage taxi. Very good.



THE MARY ROSE - NEIL BEDWELL age 8 from Northampton sent in this excellent model of the Mary Rose, which he built after studying the history of it at school.



SWISS CHALET CLOCK - Toby Brown age 9 from Kent sent this splendid picture in. We wonder if he can predict the weather with it?



YACHT - Richard Hawkins age 12 from Yeovil built this detailed model. A very realistic model Richard.



BOYS BRIGADE BADGE - Kyle Strachan age 8 from Peebles has put his LEGO bricks to good use to build his Boys Brigade badge.



AWA

A "golden" Master Builder Badge whose models are shown here. special model, send it in and you'll be a Master Builder if your model is shown in



TRACTOR & SPRAYER - Graham Leggett age 11 from Swanley sent in this very good picture of his tractor and sprayer.



MINER'S LAMP - John Winter from Aylesbury built this finely detailed lamp. An unusual subject, very well executed.



ROBOT ARM - James Robertson from Surrey built this very complicated working mechanical arm.



FAIRGROUND - Andrew Pye from Stoke on Trent built this exciting fairground scene.



HORSE & CART - Johanne Winter age 9 from Aylesbury made this attractive little model.



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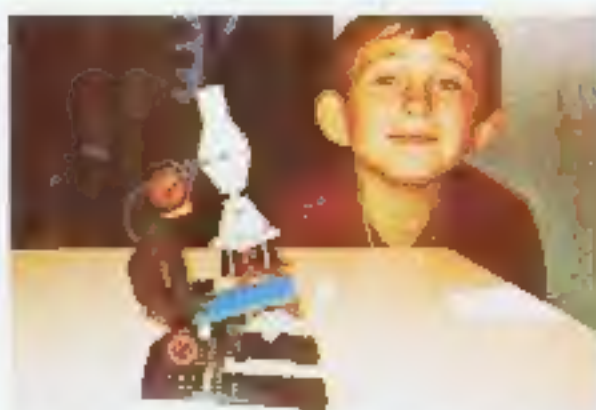
100s to each of the members
you have a photograph of a
too could become a Master
next issue of Bricks 'n Pieces.



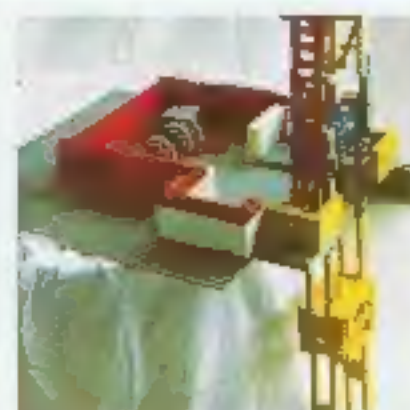
LEGO DOCK - Adam Leitch age 6 from Northumberland sent this shot of his dock in action.



STEAM ENGINE - Andrew Barwick age 12 from Sandwich built this excellent model with lots of detail and working parts.



MICROSCOPE - Martin Winstanley age 6 from Sussex sent this picture of his splendid model.



LIFT - Antony Johnson from Bromsgrove built this working model lift, suitable for a mine shaft.



ENGINE - Neil Craggs age 4 from Swindon sent this picture of his train engine. Well done Neil.



SKIP LORRY - David Unwin from London built this very well thought out model skip lorry which works just like the real thing.



LEGO THEATRE - Steven Chalmers and Steven Addison, both aged 12, from Aberdeen built this working model theatre. They have a selection of plays to show their friends, including one on Road Safety.

REVIEW

New LEGOLAND Space Sets

in the shops this month.

There are six new LEGOLAND Space sets in the shops now for all space fans. There are four new pocket money sets ranging from the Space Patrol Craft complete with astronaut and camera at around £1.10 to the Explorer vehicle with detector and scanner at around £2.55.

Also at around £2.55 is the Space Set you have all been waiting for – a set of 6 Astronauts. The set contains 2 red, 2 white, and 2 yellow astronauts complete with cameras, detectors and other

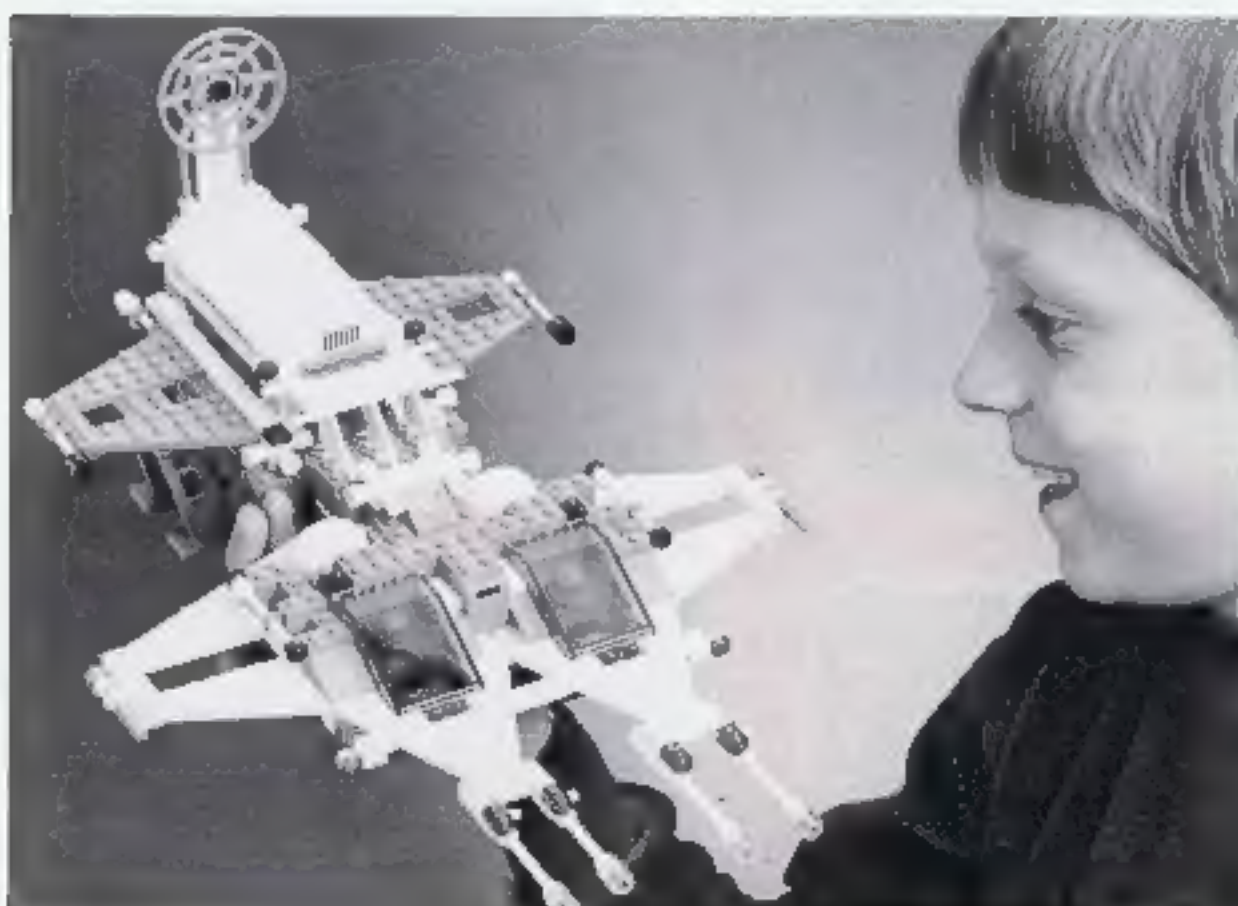
scientific equipment. Normally this set will sell in the shops at around £2.55, but is available on special offer to Club Members now, direct from the Club for only £1.95 plus postage and packing – see back cover of this magazine for details.

Then there are two big sets. The Mission Control Centre No. 6930 has new space struts, space vehicles, scooters

and scanners (price around £12.35). But the most exciting set must be the big Starship "Explorer".

The Starship "Explorer" is a big 3 stage spacecraft with detachable space laboratory and transport module. The set is complete with launch pad and ground support vehicles (set No. 6980 – price around £26.95).

See these sets in your local store now.



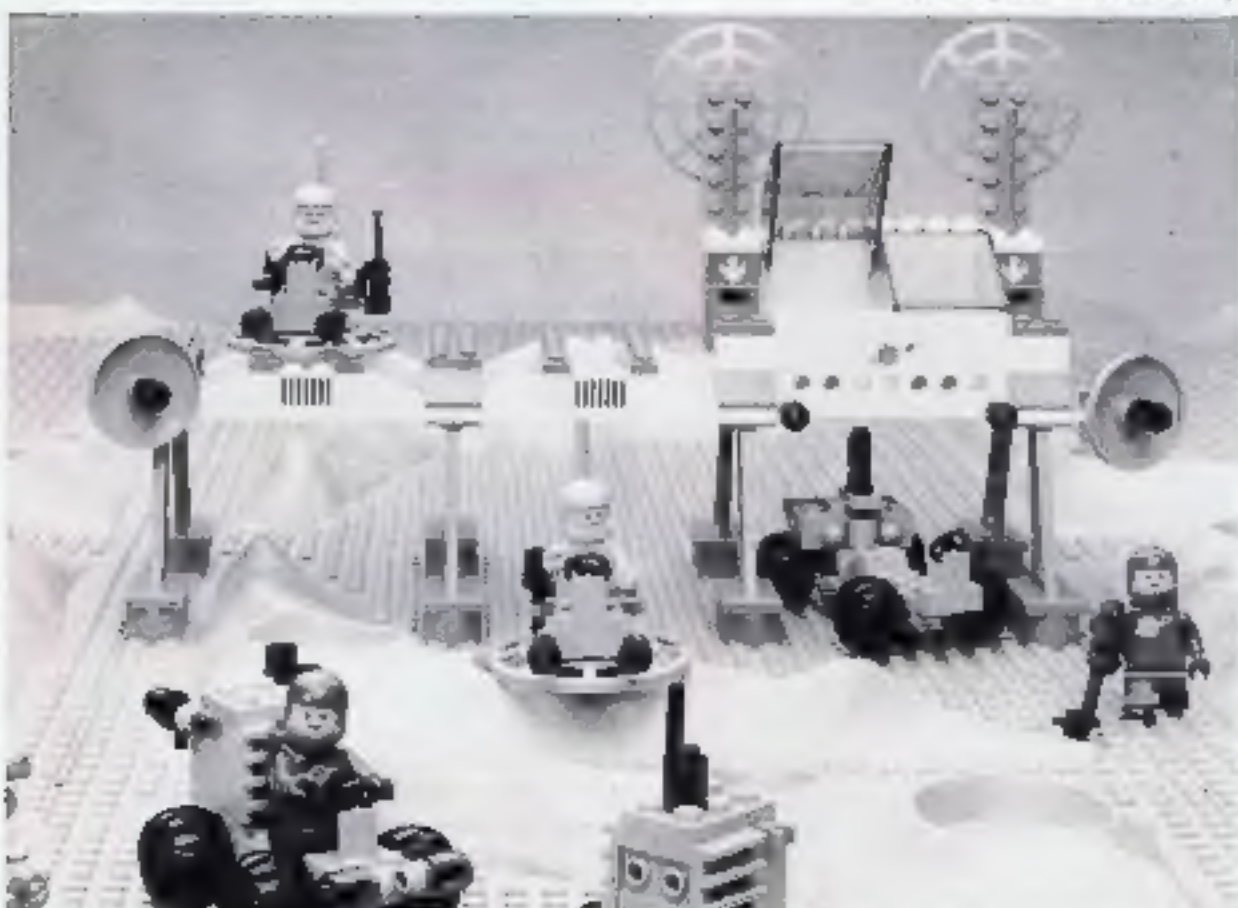
Starship "Explorer" (No. 6980)



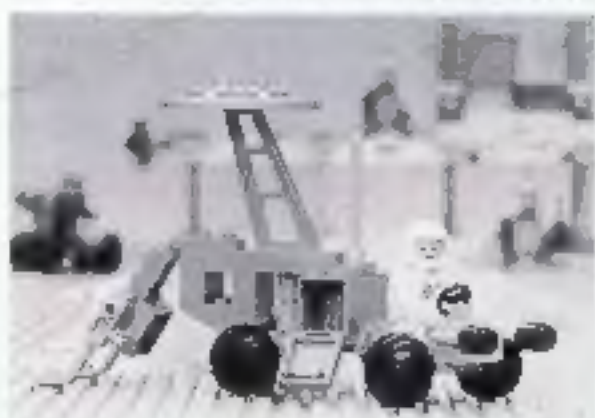
Space Patrol Craft (No. 6803)



Survey Vehicle (No. 6823)



Mission Control Centre (No. 6930)



Explorer Vehicle (No. 6844)



LEGOLAND Space Astronauts (No. 6701)

LEGO Fabuland

Books and Sets

REVIEW

We are also able to review a new range of books for LEGO FABULAND enthusiasts. The first 4 FABULAND Books will go on sale in W. H. Smith stores and other good bookshops for Easter. Each book will cost £1.50 and feature the FABULAND Animal characters in new exciting stories.

The 4 titles are *Edward's Skyscraper*, *Catherine Cat's Birthday*, *Morty's New Job*, and *Henry's Night Out*. And more books and a range of mini books are planned for later. In the toy stores in June will be 6 new LEGO FABULAND sets. There is Roger Raccoon with his sports car, Bonnie Rabbit with her flower truck (both around £2.55) Buster Bulldog and his fire engine, Gertrude Goat with her painter's truck (both around £3.35), not to mention Hannah Hippopotamus the gardener, Henry Horse the carpenter and Peter Panda with his bath (around 95p).



Bonnie Rabbit, Peter Panda and Hannah Hippopotamus with their friends and the new LEGO FABULAND vehicles.



The story of Edward's Skyscraper.



The new LEGO FABULAND Books.

SPACE COMPETITION

Spring 1983

1st Prize



How to enter

The picture overleaf shows three LEGO Astronauts setting up base camp on a previously unexplored planet. What do you think they might find there? We want you to use your imagination and complete the scene, using pens, pencils, paints, etc - it's up to you - and don't worry if you're not a budding artist, it's ideas that we're looking for! There might be a fantastic futuristic city there, or unusual plants and animals, or even strange aliens waiting to greet them! Just let your imagination run wild!

When you've completed your scene, fill in the coupon with your name, address and age, and send the whole thing to The LEGO Club, Space Competition, Wrexham, Clywd, LL13 7TQ. Your entry must arrive by Monday April 18th.

The entries will be judged in two age groups, the under nines and the nines and overs. There will be a first prize and 10 runners up in each age group.

20 Runners-up

There will be a first prize and 10 runners up in each age group.

CROSSWORD COMPETITION WINNERS

In the last issue we asked you to complete the crossword and give us the mystery person's name. Thousands of members correctly identified the mystery person as our President, Clive Nicholls. The lucky prize winners are:

Under nines who receive a Fire Fighting Ship 4025

David English from Tyne & Wear
Daniel Eaton from Welling, Kent
Raymond Timms from Swindon, Wilts
Ian Findlay from Gosport, Hants
Steven Savage from Dublin
Jonathan Prior from New Malden, Surrey
Gregory Moore from Waltham Abbey, Essex
Neil Lockwood from Northants
Leigh Parmenter from Sunningdale, Berks
Greig Logan from Portgordon, Banffshire
Nine & Over who receive a Beach Buggy 8845
Christopher P. Midgley from Leeds
Michael Coombs from Radlett, Herts
Peter Jeffs from Birmingham
William Hawtin from Oxford
Ben Young from Bucks
Neil Mayers from Ashford, Kent
Martin Robb from Northwood, Middlesex
Michael Ross from Glasgow
Mark Bharocha from Bembridge, Isle of Wight
Richard Wiseman from Cherryhinton

LEGO word game

Jason Lane of Woking sent in this LEGO Word Game which is really fun. Using the list of words you have to find them written in the grid. Some are backwards and diagonal as well as up and down.

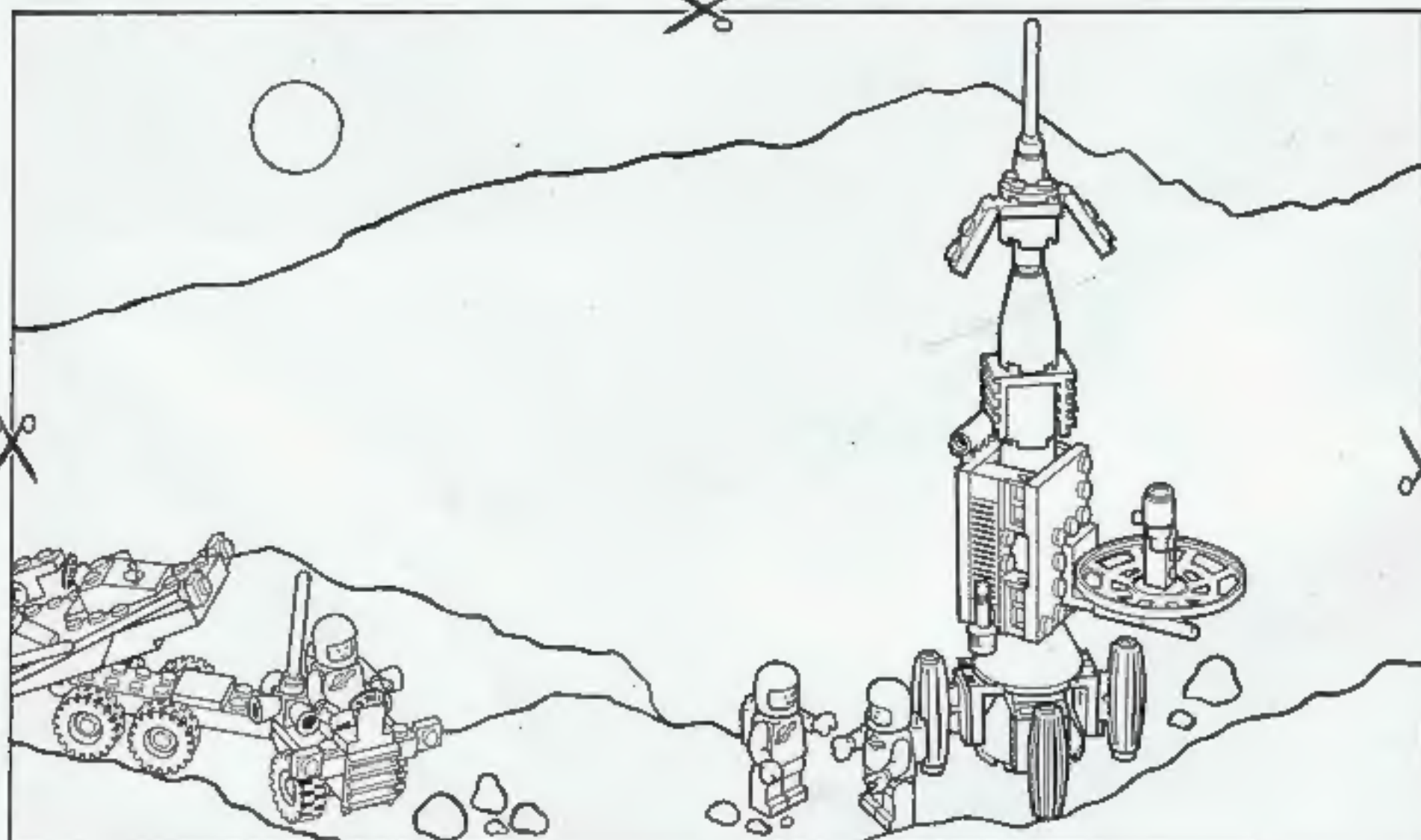
This is not a competition, just a fun game which we are sure you will all enjoy.

To start you off we have marked "LEGO".

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WORDS

LEGO BUILD TECHNIC SET CLUB CASTLE
MEMBER BRICKS LEGOLAND SPACE TOWN



NAME

ADDRESS

AGE

LETTERS

Dear Club,

We thought that Club members might be interested to hear about our unusual birthday cake. Mum cut the corners off a square cake and put them on the top. Then she covered the whole lot with green icing to make a lunar landscape and decorated it with LEGO spacemen and spacecraft.

All the party guests agreed it was a very good idea for a cake.

M. A. Wynn

Here is a rhyme for the letter box:

LEGO is the only toy I know

That changes quickly to and fro

A car with engine, seats and wheels

A cowboy rocking on his heels

A magic box full of tricks

All this from a colourful pile of bricks

Simon McElroy (Age 11)

Dear LEGO Club,

When we moved house recently Dad dropped his record player and the arm-rest snapped off. He couldn't get a new one so I built him one using my LEGO bricks and now the record player works properly again.

Paul Rivers

Dear Club,

As we are considering building a house extension I thought it would be a good idea to build a scale model of the house and extension using my LEGO bricks so that we could see what it would look like.

David Ellam

Dear Club,

My brother Tom and I have just had a great time playing with our LEGO collection in the bath.

We made a base on the bath edge and lowered our submarine down, by means of a crane, to explore the bottom of the bath. Then it got stuck in some seaweed (sponge), so we sent down our rescue divers in the aqua car. They cut the submarine free and made their escape just in time as they were being dragged towards the whirlpool (plug hole).

We enjoyed playing with our marine LEGO so how about making some proper sets.

Matthew and Tom Elms

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Joke time

Q. Why don't rabbits ride motorbikes?

A. Their ears won't fit the Crash Helmets.

Christopher Barrow

A lady went into a pet shop and said, "I want a parrot for my little girl".
"Sorry madam" said the shopkeeper "We don't do swaps".

Z. T. R. Beck

Q. What is worse than raining cats and dogs?

A. Hailing Taxis!

Craig Coupland

Q. What goes up and never comes down?

A. Your age.

Neil Gregory

Q. What did the two packets of crisps say to the driver who offered them a lift?

A. No Thank-you we're WALKERS!

Robert Pritchard

Q. Why are false teeth like stars?

A. Because they come out at night!

Simon Dowdney

Q. What would you call a rabbit with sunstroke?

A. A hot cross bunny!

Christopher Barrow

Q. What's green and hairy and wears sunglasses?

A. A gooseberry on holiday.

Simon Walker

Q. What would you be if you had jelly in one ear and custard in the other?

A. A trifle deaf.

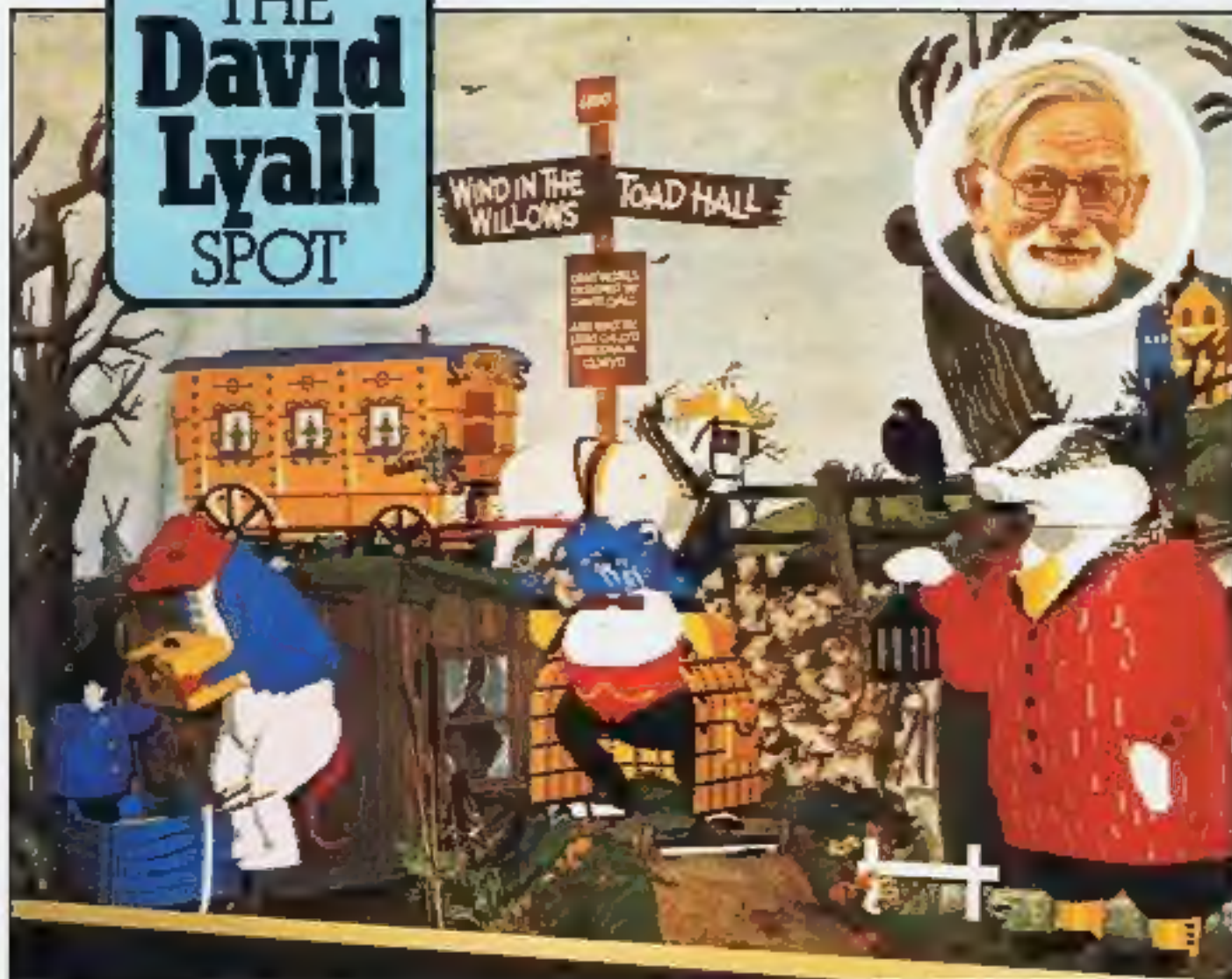
Ian Brown

Q. Did you get a good place in the exams?

A. Yes, next to the radiator!

Judith Sinden

THE David Lyll SPOT



THE WIND in the WILLOWS

Many of you will know the story of *The Wind in the Willows* and David Lyll has carefully modelled all the well known characters. Ratty and Mole are there with Ratty's boat, and of course so are Badger and Mr. Toad.

David says "It was great fun to be able to recreate all the animals together with Toad Hall and the canary coloured caravan, from one of my favourite stories".

Many of you will have seen David's model in the window of Hamleys of Regent Street, London over Christmas. If you missed it however, it will be in the window of Lewis's Department Store in Blackpool from just before Easter ■ mid-October.

SPECIAL OFFER

LEGOLAND Space ASTRONAUTS



The new Space Astronauts set contains 6 space figures (2 red, 2 yellow and 2 white) complete with helmets, oxygen tanks, space cameras, walkie talkies and other equipment.

Available to Club Members for only **£1.95** plus 30p post and packing. Offer Closes 1st July 1983

1983 LEGO Catalogue

The new bigger and better 36 page 1983 LEGO Catalogue is in the shops now (price 10p). Members can also obtain a copy when ordering from the Club Shop

BUILDACODE MESSAGE



ORDER FORM

To: The LEGO Club, Club Shop, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL13 7TQ

Please send me [quantity] of LEGO-LAND Space Astronauts sets @ £1.95 each.

Please add 30p post and packing.

A cheque (P.O.) for £..... is enclosed

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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Please allow 21 days for delivery